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On the State of the Public Health and Sanitary Conditions of the

WARMINSTER URBAN DISTRICT

For the Year

1969

WARMINSTER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

JOSEPH REYNOLDS

Medical Officer of Health
of the Warminster Urban
District Council.

Health Department

Craven House

Warminster

Wiltshire.

Councillor G. H. Nicholls,
Chairman, Warminster Urban District Council.

Sir,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1969, relating to the state of the public health and sanitary conditions in the Urban District of Warminster. With it is the report of your Chief Public Health Inspector.

It will be seen from the Vital Statistics that the Urban District compares favourably with the rest of England and Wales. No serious outbreak of infectious disease took place during the period, save for the biennial epidemic of measles, and the number of cases of tuberculosis living in the district continues to fall.

I wish to express my gratitude to my colleagues, the Family Doctors, the County Medical Office of Health, the Director of the Bath Public Health Laboratory, and the staff of the Urban District Council, for their co-operation in the work of the Public Health Department. I am grateful to the Public Health Committee for their interest and co-operation in the supervision of the health in the area.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH REYNOLDS.

December 1970.

WARMINSTER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

	To 20th May 1969	From 20th May 1969
Chairman of the Council:	Cllr. Miss E.G. Butterworth	Cllr. A.C. Curtis
Vice-Chairman:	Cllr. A.C. Curtis	Cllr. G.H. Nicholls
Chairman of the Public Health & Properties Committee	Cllr. J.P. Quartley	Cllr. J.P. Quartley
Members of the Public Health & Properties Committee	Chairman of the Council	ex officio
Councillors:	L.F. Burgess A.C. Curtis E.R. Middleton G.H. Nicholls J.P. Quartley E. Rees, J.P. E.R. Tracey	A. Beaven L.F. Burgess M. Hayward E.R. Middleton G.H. Nicholls J.P. Quartley E. Rees, J.P.

Members elected to the West Wilts Water Board

Cllr. J.P. Quartley
Cllr. E.F.S. Whitmarsh

Deputies: Cllr. L.F. Burgess
Cllr. G.H. Nicholls

Public Health Officers of the Authority:

Medical Officer of Health:	Office
Joseph Reynolds, M.C., L.R.C.P.Edin., L.R.C.S. Edin., L.R.F.P., & S.Glas., D.P.H. (Eng.)	Craven House, Warminster, Telephone: Warminster 3428/9
Chief Public Health Inspector William Parks, M.I.Mun.E., C.R.S.I. Assistant Public Health Inspectors: F. Marshall, M.A.P.I., J. Withey	Portway House Warminster. Telephone Warminster 2394

Clerks:

Miss K.V. Jones
Miss M.P. Street
Mrs. J. Marsh
Miss S. Bennett

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA
(Figures in brackets refer to previous year)

Area of the District (in acres)	5,651	
Population - Registrar General's estimate as at 30th June 1969	12,710	(12,230)
Density of Population - Persons per acre	2.3	(2.2)
Number of Hereditaments	4,162	(4,018)

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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA (Continued)

Number of Council Owned Dwellings	1,004	(982)
Rateable Value at 1st April 1969	£484,690	(£464,922)
Estimated Product of Penny Rate	£1,955	(£1,868)
Rateable Value per head of population	£39.12.8.	(£38.13.7.)
Total Loan Debt.	£1,545,994	(£1,433,319)

The town is very pleasantly situated on the chalk in the Wylye Valley at the South Western edge of Salisbury Plain. The School of Infantry Training is well concealed within the district boundaries and does not obtrude on the landscape. Large R.E.M.E. establishments provide much employment as do other motor engineering works. Other industries include shoe component factories, glove factories, printing works (including production of greeting cards), pottery works, furniture manufacturers and a banana storage, ripening and distribution centre.

COMPARABILITY OF RATES

The figures for deaths include those of members of the Armed Forces who were stationed in the area. The population figures given are home population (i.e. including members of the Armed Forces stationed in the area). The area comparability factors for use with crude birth and death rates contain adjustments for boundary changes and make allowances for the way in which the sex and age distribution of the local population differs from that for England and Wales as a whole. In addition, the death area comparability factors have been adjusted specifically to take account of the presence of any residential institutions in each area. When local crude birth and death rates are multiplied by the appropriate area comparability factor, They are comparable with the crude rate for England and Wales or with the corresponding adjusted rate for any other area for that year.

1) Live Births	Male	Female
TOTAL	140	100
Legitimate	137	97
Illegitimate	3	3

Live Birth Rate

a) per 1,000 population of the Urban District.	18.9
b) of the Urban District after correction by Area Comparability Factory (1.02).	19.3
c) per 1,000 population of the County of Wiltshire.	17.6
d) per 1,000 population of England and Wales	16.3
e) ratio of local adjusted birthrate to national rate.	1.18
f) Illegitimate live births as a percentage of all live births	3

2) Still Births	Male	Female
TOTAL	4	1
Legitimate	4	1

3) Deaths

	Male	Female	Total
Number of Deaths as enumerated by Registrar General.	76	83	159
Death Rate per 1,000 population of the Urban District.	12.5		
Death Rate after correction by Area Comparability Factor (0.90)	11.3		
Death Rate per 1,000 population of the County of Wiltshire	10.7		
Death Rate per 1,000 population of England and Wales.	11.9		
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate.	0.95		

4) Deaths of Infants under one year of age

	Male	Female
TOTAL	3	1
Legitimate	3	1

5) Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age

TOTAL	2	1
Legitimate	2	1

6) Deaths of Infants under one week of age

TOTAL	2	0
Legitiate	2	0

CAUSE OF DEATH According to the International Classification of Diseases	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks and under 1 year	Age in Years 1 -	5 -	15 -	25 -	35 -	45 -	55 -	65-	75 and over
GROUP I. Infective and Parasitic Diseases													
B.11 Memingococcal Infection	M	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B 18 Other infective and parasitic diseases	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
GROUP II. Neoplasms													
B 19 (3) Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B 19 (4) Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
B 19 (6) Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
B 19 (7) Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
B 19 (8) Malignant Neoplasm, uterus	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
B 19 (9) Malignant Neoplasm, prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B 19 (10) Leukaemia	M	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B 19 (11) Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
GROUP III. Endocrine, Nutritional & Metabolic Diseases													
B 21 Diabetes Mellitus	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GROUP VI. Diseases of the Nervous System & Sense Organs													
B 46 (4) Other diseases of nervous system etc.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks and under 1 year	1 -	5 -	15 -	25 -	35 -	45 -	55 -	65 -	75 and over
GROUP VII. Diseases of the Circulatory System													
B 27 Hypertensive Disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
B 28 Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	6	6
	F	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	9
B 29 Other forms of Heart Disease	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
	F	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	12
B. 30 Cerebrovascular Disease	M	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	8	11
	F	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	19
B 46 (5) Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
GROUP VIII. Diseases of the Respiratory System													
B 31 Influenza	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B 32 Pneumonia	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
B 33 (1) Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
B 46 (6) Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GROUP IX. Diseases of the Digestive System													
B 34 Peptic Ulcer	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B 36. Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks and under 1 Year	Age in Years 1 -	5 -	15 -	25 -	35 -	45 -	55 -	65 -	75 and over
GROUP X. Diseases of the Genito-Urinary System													
B 38 Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B 46 (8) Other Diseases, Genito-urinary System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GROUP XV. Certain Causes of Perinatal Morbidity & Mortality													
B 43 Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	M	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GROUP XVI. Symptons and Ill-defined Conditions													
B 45 Symptons and Ill-defined Conditions	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
GROUP XVII. Accidents, Poisonings, and Violence													
BE 47 Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BE 48 All other Accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
BE 49 Suicide and Self-inflicted Injuries	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	76	2	1	1	1	1	-	-	3	9	19	39
	F	83	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	23	52

TABLE OF BIRTH AND DEATH RATES

(Local Rates after correction by Area Factors)

Year	Population	Births	Rate per 1,000 Population Warminster	Rate per 1,000 Population England and Wales	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Population Warminster	Rate per 1,000 Population England and Wales	Deaths of Infants under one year of age
1960	8,800	193	23.5	17.1	117	10.1	11.5	5
1961	9,930	181	18.2	17.4	115	10.8	12.0	4
1962	9,780	198	18.4	18.0	118	9.4	11.9	2
1963	10,110	186	19.9	18.2	137	12.5	12.2	2
1964	10,420	209	21.7	18.4	142	12.5	11.3	4
1965	10,700	251	25.3	18.1	110	8.4	11.5	1
1966	11,670	254	23.9	17.7	122	9.6	11.7	5
1967	12,020	257	21.8	17.2	146	10.6	11.2	4
1968	12,230	237	19.8	16.9	177	13.4	11.9	10
1969	12,710	240	19.3	16.3	159	11.3	11.9	4

S E C T I O N B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

a) Laboratory facilities

All samples requiring laboratory examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory in Bath. Not only are reports on these samples available from the Medical Director but he is always willing to visit the District, and the Medical Practitioners and myself find this personal contact most satisfactory.

b) Ambulance Service

The Ambulance service is provided and controlled by the Wiltshire County Council. The service in this district is controlled from Bradford-on-Avon where the station is manned continuously. A sub-station in Warminster also serves the district. Non-emergency calls must originate from a doctor, dentist or midwife.

To obtain an ambulance in an emergency:-

Where there is a dialling system in operation, dial 999.

Where there is no dialling system, lift the receiver and ask for an ambulance.

c) Midwifery, Home Nursing, Health Visitors and Home Helps.

These services are provided and controlled by the Wiltshire County Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, Telephone: Trowbridge 3641.

d) Clinics and Treatment Centres

The following Clinics serve the districts:-

1. Ante Natal:
At the Maternity Hospitals concerned.
Consultant Clinics are at Trowbridge and Bradford-on-Avon for patents referred by their own doctor or midwife.
Warminster Health Centre Tuesday and Thursday afternoons commencing at 2 p.m.

2. Infant Welfare
The Health Clinic, The Avenue, Warminster, at 2 - 4 p.m. on every Friday of each month.

Military Families Club, School of Infantry, Imber Road, Warminster at 2 - 4 p.m. on every Thursday of each month.

3. Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Measles and Poliomyelitis Immunizations
The Warminster Clinic is held on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. at the Health Centre, The Avenue, Warminster.

The family doctors will also carry out these immunizations, by appointment. In addition they will vaccinate any infant against smallpox preferably in the second year of life.

4. Eye
By invitation from the County Council.
Second, fourth and fifth Fridays in each month, at Methodist Schoolroom, Warminster.

5. Chiropody
By arrangement with the County Council.

6. Venereal Diseases

	Men	Women
General Infirmary Salisbury	Tuesday 1.30p.m. - 4 p.m. Friday 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Tuesday 1.30 - 4 pm Friday 3 - 6
Royal United Hospital Bath	Tuesday - 5 - 6. 0 p.m. Friday 5 - 6. 0 p.m.	Tuesday 2.30 p.m. 4p.m. Friday 2.30 - 4.00 p.m.

7. Family Planning
Health Clinic at 6.30 - 7.30 p.m. on every second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

8. Cervical Cytology
Health Clinic from 2p.m. on every first and third Wednesday of each month.

9. Smokers' Clinic
By Appointment.

10. Mothercraft and Relaxation Classes
Health Clinic from 2.30 p.m. on every Monday of each month.

11. Enuresis Clinic
By appointment.

12. Speech Clinic
By invitation from County Council. Every Wednesday morning of each month.

Welfare Foods are distributed at the Health Clinic, The Avenue, Warminster on: Tuesday 10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.; Friday 2 - 4 p.m.

Nursing equipment and appliances can be loaned from the Medical Loan Depot in charge of Mrs. J. P. Quartley, Stable House, Sambourne Road, Warminster. Telephone Warminster 2198.

Hospitals

The four hospitals noted below serve the district and are controlled by the West Wiltshire Hospital Management Committee:

	Beds	Classification	Type of case dealtwith
Warminster Hospital	30	Wholly general.	Acute medical and surgical cases. Gynaecological cases
Westbury and District Hospital	20	do	Chronic sick patents for short periods only.
Sambourne Hospital, Warminster.	102	Mainly chronic sick.	Aged chronic sick. Accommodation reserved to the County Council for 26 welfare residents.
Beckford Hospital Warminster.	32	Pre-convalescent and recovery unit, plus orthopaedic cases.	

Hospitals (continued)

Many residents also attend and receive treatment at several Hospitals in Bath and Salisbury.

Maternity cases are admitted to Hospitals at Bradford-on-Avon, Trowbridge, Bath and Salisbury.

Cases of infectious diseases are admitted to the Isolation Hospital at Bath. The majority of cases of Tuberculosis are admitted to Winsley Chest Hospital, The Manor Hospital, Bath, and Odstock Hospital, Salisbury.

Mortuary

An annual payment is made to the West Wiltshire Hospital Management Committee for mortuary facilities at the Sambourne Hospital, Warminster. The visiting pathologist has expressed his satisfaction with the facilities provided.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Ministry of Labour and National Service

Weymouth Street,
Warminster.

Telephone: Warminster 2351.

Hours: 9 - 5 p.m.

Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths

The Avenue,
Warminster,

Telephone Warminster 3435.

Hours: Monday 2.30 - 4 p.m.
Wednesday 10 -11.30 a.m.
Friday 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

Laverton Institute
Westbury.

Telephone Westbury 2122.

Hours: Tuesday 9.30 - 11 a.m.
Thursday 9.30 - 11 a.m.
Friday 3 - 4 p.m.

Ministry of Social Security

Area Office

School Lane,
Bellvue Road,
Salisbury.

Telephone Salisbury 3247.

Homefield House,
Polebarn Road,
Trowbridge.

Telephone Trowbridge 4491

In the event of an emergency outside office hours in which the services of an Officer of the Board are required, please telephone:

Mr. P. Nelmes,
4 Lowmead, Trowbridge.

Telephone Trowbridge 4206

or

Mr. B.E.W. Fear,
17 Avondale Road, Trowbridge.

Telephone Trowbridge 5457

If you are unable to contact either Mr. Nelmes or Mr. Fear, contact should be made with whoever of the following officers is nearest to the locality of the emergency:

Mr. W. H. Butt,
42, Tismead Crescent,
Swindon,

Telephone Swindon 4602.

Mr. F.E. Freeman,
"Fairlawn", Bath Road,
Swindon.

Telephone Swindon 5293.

Mr. R.L. Bennetts,
1 Dainsway,
Salisbury.

Telephone Salisbury 4365.

Mr. L.McCarthy,
Church Lane,
North Bradley, Trowbridge.

Telephone Trowbridge 4176.

Mental Health Officers

Mr. F. Garnett

During Office Hours

Trowbridge Health Clinic
The Halve, Trowbridge.

Telephone Trowbridge 4084

Deputies

Mr. T.R. Williams,
Mr. G.F. Draper.

Trowbridge Health Clinic
The Halve, Trowbridge.

Telephone Trowbridge 4084

Outside Office Hours

Telephone Trowbridge Ambulance Station to contact the Officers on duty.
Telephone Trowbridge 3981/2

Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance

Weymouth Street,
Warminster

Telephone Warminster 2351

Hours 9 - 5 p.m.

North Parade,
Frome.

Telephone Frome 2373

Homefield House,
Polebarn Road,
Trowbridge.

Telephone Trowbridge 4491

SECTION C

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Supplies of certain Prophylactic and Therapeutic Agents can be obtained in an emergency from:-

The Chief Pharmacist,
Ham Green Hospital,
Pill, Bristol. Telephone 027581 2661

The preparations held are:

Anthrax Antiserum
Botulinum Antitoxin
Human Antitetanus Immunoglobulin
Ovine Antitetanus Serum
Pralidoxime Mesylate (P2S)

Special arrangements for the treatment of anthrax have been provided by the South Western Regional Hospital Board at Claverton Down Hospital, Bath. This hospital also holds anti-anthrax serum for prophylactic use and for the treatment of patients sensitive to penicillin.

Arrangements for immunization against anthrax can be made through the Wiltshire County Council.

Poisons Information Service

A National Poisons Information Service has been established at Guy's Hospital, London, S.E.1. (HOP 7600) to provide inforamtion to medical practitioners so as to facilitate treatment in cases of acute poisoning. This 24 hour service is not available to members of the Public.

Organophosphorus Poisoning

Certain Insecticides contain organophosphorus poisons, e.g. parathion. Treatment is by pyridine-2-aldoxine-methiodide (PAM). A small supply of PAM is available in the Royal Infirmary Pharmacy (Telephone No. Bristol 22041).

An emergency service for the treatment of cases of organophosphorus insecticide poisoning is also provided by the Medical Division, C.D.E.E. (Ministry of Supply), Porton, Wilts. (Telephone No. Idmiston 211)

Infectious Diseases notified during 1969

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Measles	10	-	-	13	50	55	14	4	-	-	-	1	147
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Meningococcal infections	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Encephalitis Post infections	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Measles	2	191	31	33	107	193	78	169	33	147
Whooping Cough	2	2	-	1	7	-	2	7	2	2
Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	22	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

Mass Radiography Service

A unit of this service visits Warminster on alternate Tuesdays and is stationed at the Central Car Park, Warminster from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m.

Tuberculosis

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Cases on Register at 31.12.68	25	23	13	12
New Cases notified during 1969	-	-	1	1
Transfers in	1	1	-	-
Deaths	1	1	-	
Recovered	5	-	-	
Transferred out of district	2	2	-	-
Cases on Register at 31.12.69	18	21	14	13

Notifications and Deaths during the year:-

Year	Pulmonary Tuberculosis		Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis		Total	
	Notifications	Deaths	Notifications	Deaths	Notifications	Deaths
1960	3	-	-	-	3	-
1961	4	-	-	1(not on register)	4	1(not on register)
1962	3	1	-	-	3	1
1963	4	-	1	-	5	-
1964	6	1	2	-	8	1
1965	2	1	-	-	2	1
1966	5	1	-	-	5	1
1967	3	1	-	-	3	1
1968	-	-	-	1(not on register)	-	1(not on register)
1969	-	2	2	-	2	2

Number of Cases on Register at end of each year:

Year	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
1960	52	26	78
1961	58	26	84
1962	53	27	80
1963	55	28	83
1964	56	30	86
1965	57	30	87
1966	55	28	83
1967	54	25	79
1968	48	25	73
1969	39	27	66

IMMUNIZATION AND SMALLPOX VACCINATION STATISTICS, 1969

(The figures are supplied by courtesy of Dr. C. D. L. Lycett, C.M.O.H.Wiltshire)

		CHILDREN born in years					1960 - 64	1954- - 59	other under 16
		1969	1968	1967	1966	1965			
Primary imms. completed during 1969	Diph.	83	117	15	10	3	6	-	
	Wh.cough	80	113	4	2	-	-	-	
	Tetanus	83	117	15	10	3	6	-	1
	Measles	-	18	47	24	8	3	-	-
	Polio	85	113	9	5	1	23	-	-
Reinforcing imms. given in 1969	Diph.	-	56	87	10	16	171	6	-
	Wh.cough	-	32	31	3	2	3	-	-
	Tetanus	-	56	87	10	16	171	-	1
	Polio.	-	55	64	4	12	75	6	-

SMALLPOX

	Months				Years		
Age group	0-3	3-6	6-9	9-12	1	2-4	5-15
Vaccinations	-	-	-	-	53	37	11
Re-Vaccinations	-	-	-	-	-	-	20

SECTION D

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supplies

Water to the Urban District is supplied by the West Wilts Water Board from sources at Arn Hill in the Urban District; Upton Scudamore the Warminster and Westbury Rural District; Burtonfield, Mere and Dunkerton, Maiden Bradley in the Mere and Tisbury Rural District.

All occupied dwellinghouses in the Urban District receive a supply from the Water Board's mains.

Supplies have been sufficient in quantity and satisfactory in quality save in the most important respect - the fluoride content. In the water supplied to Warminster this varies in content between 0.1 and 0.16 p.p.m. It is now well known that the fluoridation of water supplies at the level of 1.0 p.p.m. is a highly effective way of reducing dental decay and is completely safe. This most important public health measure should be put into operation with the least possible delay.

Section 47, National Assistance Act 1948

No action under this Section has been necessary during 1969.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses within the Urban District.

The Chief Public Health Inspector has provided the following report:-

Food Premises

There are within the Urban District 65 various types of food premises as listed, including those registered by the Council for the sale of ice-cream and processing of food under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955. In total 272 visits were made to these premises during the year, arising out of which it was necessary in only four cases to take informal action for contraventions of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960.

Butchers	8
Grocery and General	37
Fishmongers	2
Bakehouse	1
Fish Fryer	3
Cafes	14

Milk Samples

All milk sold in the Urban District is heat treated.

There are 16 licensed distributors of milk and 90 visits were made to their premises for the purpose of inspection and routine sampling. Samples totalling 122 were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory Bath, for examination and statutory test. Of these samples 5 failed the Methylene Blue Test (for pasturised milk) signifying a weakness either in the method of storage or in the sterilising of equipment. Follow-up samples proved satisfactory.

Housing

During the year 18 houses were inspected for unfitness under the provisions of the Housing Act 1957 and Closing Orders were made by the Council on 4 of those premises declared unfit for habitation.

All the premises inspected were thought to be sub-standard and lacking in modern amenities. Those dwellings in respect of which formal action was not taken could, at reasonable expense, have been brought up to an acceptable standard, particularly in view of the financial assistance now available to owners in the way of grants from the Council.

Six applications for Improvement Grants were received and approved by the Council, the grants in all cases being for the provision of standard amenities. The higher standard grant was given in two cases where it was thought necessary to extend the premises in order to provide standard amenities.

During the year building in the private sector provided 89 additional dwellings within the district, and the Council's building programme progressed at Portway Lane with 51 dwellings completed and occupied.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

Refuse is collected weekly from all dwellings in the district and twice weekly from shop premises.

The "kerb side" method of collection would still appear to be acceptable to the majority of the population, even though this method is frowned upon in other parts of the country.

The bonus scheme, introduced in 1968, and paid to the prinicpal collection gang is still proving successful, and providing a worthwhile incentive to the men employed on this unpleasant task.

Refuse Collection and Disposal cont'd

Disposal of the town's refuse has proceeded satisfactorily at Portway Lane by means of controlled tipping. Occasional complaints of flies from the tip were received from nearby residents, and in all cases these complaints were unfounded. No doubt, now that tipping has progressed "out of sight" the matter will also prove to be "out of mind".

The use of this low lying site for tipping purposes has been well worthwhile and progress is such that six acres have, with a small amount of cultivation grassed over to provide an invaluable play area for small children and a reasonable football pitch.

Moveable Dwellings

Caravans continue to be stationed on the four licensed residential sites in the district, all these sites are kept under supervision and found to be run in an orderly manner, without giving rise to nuisance or complaint.

Sewage Disposal

Extensions to the sewage disposal works commenced during the year, and progress is well ahead of schedule. It is estimated that the works, when extended, should cope with increasing daily flow of sewage until 1981. The number of premises in the district not served by the sewerage system is negligible.

FACTORIES ACT 1961

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (Including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	-	-	-	-
ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	40	15	-	-
iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	40	15	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cas in which prose tions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Over crowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including Offences relating to Outwork).	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	2	-	-	-

FACTORIES ACT 1961 (continued)

PART VIII of the ACT

OUTWORK

(Section 133 and 134)

Section 133				Section 134		
Nature of Work	no. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	no. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	no. of prosecu-tions for failure to supply lists	no. of instances of work in un-wholesome premises	Notices Served	Prosecu-tions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel (making, etc, cleaning and Washing).	27	-	-	-	-	-
The making of boxes or other receptacles or part thereof made wholly or partially of paper.	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	27	-	-	-	-	-